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## **North Dakota School and District Program Improvement Data Released**

**BISMARCK, N.D., Sept. 25, 2015** -- The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) released today the list of schools and districts identified for Title I program improvement for the 2015-2016 school year. This information is based on results of the 2014-2015 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for all public schools and districts in North Dakota.

In the spring of 2015, the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) announced an AYP Freeze Waiver for any state administering new college and career-ready aligned assessments during the 2014-2015 school year. This waiver allows states to not assign schools new accountability ratings based on those assessments and to waive program improvement determinations based on achievement results for the 2014-2015 assessments. Bottom line, this freezes the AYP consequences and the program improvement timeline for the 2015-2016 school year.

Under this AYP Freeze Waiver, the NDDPI generated an AYP report for each district and school; however, the NDDPI did not report achievement data on the AYP report. Rather, the AYP report only indicates if the district and school met AYP based on the following three indicators: 1) *participation rate*, 2) *graduation rate*, and 3) *attendance rate*.

All public schools and districts must meet state standards and generate an AYP report, regardless of whether or not they receive Title I funds. However, only schools and districts receiving Title I funds can be identified for Title I program improvement and be held to the program improvement provisions in the law. Federal law permits schools and districts to be removed from program improvement status if they have made AYP for two consecutive years.

There are various ramifications once identified for improvement, based on the number of years a school or district did not make AYP. More information regarding program improvement is available on the NDDPI website.

- 2014-2015 school and district AYP reports: [www.nd.gov/dpi/report/profile](http://www.nd.gov/dpi/report/profile)
- Lists of schools and districts identified for program improvement for the 2015-2016 school year: [www.nd.gov/dpi/Administrators/FTP/Programs\\_Initiatives/TitleI/PI/](http://www.nd.gov/dpi/Administrators/FTP/Programs_Initiatives/TitleI/PI/)
- Information regarding the category that each school and district is in: [www.nd.gov/dpi/Administrators/FTP/Programs\\_Initiatives/TitleI/PI/](http://www.nd.gov/dpi/Administrators/FTP/Programs_Initiatives/TitleI/PI/)
- Schools that made AYP for two consecutive years and have been removed from program improvement status: [www.nd.gov/dpi/Administrators/FTP/Programs\\_Initiatives/TitleI/PI/](http://www.nd.gov/dpi/Administrators/FTP/Programs_Initiatives/TitleI/PI/)

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